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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

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Entitled: METHOD FOR TYPING AND DETECTING HBV

and including attachments as noted below:

Newly executed Declaration,  Copy of Declaration from prior application,  Abstract  
 155 pages of specification and claims (103 pages of Sequence Listing and including 14 numbered claims), and  
 28 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.  
 Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.  
 Attached is a Power of Attorney.  
 Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:  

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Day/Month/Year Filed</b>
96870053.4	EP	19/April/1996
PCT/EP97/02002		21/April/1997

 , respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..  
 Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.  
 Certified copy(ies) received by USPTO in PCT/EP97/02002. See attached Notification dated March 25, 1999.  
 This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/155,885, filed October 8, 1998; which is a 371 of PCT/EP97/02002 filed April 21, 1997, the entire content of each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
 The prior application is assigned to INNOGENETICS N.V..  
 It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.  
 Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:  
 Also attached:  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission;  Other: Preliminary Amendment; Copy of originally-filed application; Copy of Declaration filed in parent application SN 09/155,885; Copy of PTO-1449 Form; Copy of Notification of Acceptance of Application dated March 25, 1999; Copy of Blum ref r nce; Copy of International Search Report dated 16.3.98 issued in International Appln. No. PCT/EP97/02002; Request; Paper Copy of Sequence Listing filed May 22, 2000 in parent appln. SN 09/155,885

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Independent claims 3 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 84.00		\$	0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper)		\$	280.00
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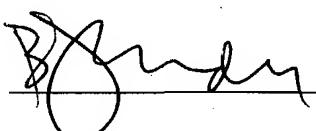
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